

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William Preston Keith :
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For: METHOD FOR AN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE :
FORWARD FLANGE IN A COMPOSITE :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

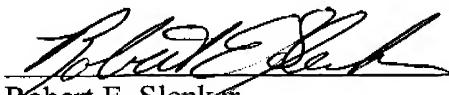
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the following is made in consequence thereof. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Invention I as identified in the Office Action. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of fabricating a laminate, are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Inventions I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of either claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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